

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Description of the Drawings section at page 5, line 11 through page 6, line 4 with the following amended Description of the Drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an exemplary embodiment of a track fitting of the present invention, illustrating the plunger in the second position;

Figure 1A is a side view of the track fitting of Figure 1, again illustrating the plunger in the second position;

Figure 2 is an alternate perspective view of the track fitting of Figure 1, illustrating the plunger in the first position;

Figure 2A is a side view of the track fitting of Figure 1, again illustrating the plunger in the first position;

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the track fitting of Figure 1, positioned on a track;

Figure 3A is a cross sectional view of the track fitting taken along line 3A-3A of Figure 3;

Figure 4 is a perspective view of two exemplary track fittings of the present invention, positioned on a track and securing a covering;

Figure 5 is an enlarged perspective view of one of the exemplary track fittings of Figure 4; and

Figure 6 is another enlarged perspective view of one of the exemplary track fittings of Figure 4;[[.]]

Figure 7 is another alternate perspective view of the track fitting of Figure 1; and

Figure 8 is a perspective view of the track fitting of Figure 1, positioned on a track with the plunger in a first disengaged position.

Please replace the paragraph at page 6, lines 11-16 with the following amended paragraph:

An exemplary embodiment of the track fitting 10 of the present invention will first be discussed with reference to Figures 1, 1A, 2, ~~and 2A, and 7.~~ The track fitting 10 includes a body 12 and a plunger 14. The plunger 14 defines a front portion receiving aperture 15. The body 12 has a substantially C-shaped rear portion 16, supported by an integral first foot 18 and an integral second foot 20, and a front portion 22 which is received in the front portion receiving aperture 15 of the plunger 14, over which the plunger 14 is placed. The C-shaped rear portion 16 of the body 12 defines an opening 24 between the feet 18, 20, the importance of which will be discussed further below.

Please replace the paragraph at page 7, lines 3-15 with the following amended paragraph:

To secure the exemplary track fitting 10 to the track 30, the plunger 14 is pulled into a first disengaged position, shown in Figures 2, ~~and 2A, and 8.~~ In this position, the plunger lower end 36 is disengaged from the track 30. Although it is not necessary, in certain embodiments, the plunger 14 is slidably secured to the front portion 22 of the body 12 and biased toward a second position, shown in Figures 1 and 1A, using, for example, a spring. With reference again to Figures 3 and 3A, the track fitting 10, with the plunger 14 in the first position, is placed on the track 30 by lowering the feet 18, 20 into adjacent enlarged openings 34. The track fitting 10 is

then slid within the channel 32 defined by the track 30 until the lower end 36 of the plunger 14 is aligned with a desired enlarged opening 34. The plunger 14 is then released into the second position, allowing the lower end 36 of the plunger 14 to drop into the desired enlarged opening 34, thereby preventing the horizontal sliding of the fitting 10 within the track 30. When the lower end 36 of the plunger 14 is aligned with the desired enlarged opening 34, the feet 18, 20 are not aligned with any enlarged opening 34, thus, the feet 18, 20 prevent the vertical movement of the fitting 10 from the track 30. In this manner, the track fitting 10 is secured to the track 30.

Please replace the paragraph at page 8, lines 9-21 with the following amended paragraph:

Referring still to Figure 4, a sufficient number of fittings 10 are used to secure the covering 11 to the track 30 such that no significant gap exists between the covering 11 and the upper surface of the track 30. After the track fittings 10 have been secured to the track 30, each can be locked thereto by temporarily disabling the movement of the plunger 14. As best shown in Figures 1, 1A, 2 and 2A, the body 12 of the exemplary track fitting 10 further includes an upwardly extending projection 38, which extends through a projection receiving aperture 39 through the top of the plunger 14 and has an aperture 40 defined therethrough. As shown in Figure 3, the aperture 40 is adapted for receiving a locking cable 42, and, as shown in Figure 4, the locking cable 42 can be fed through the apertures 40 in the projections 38 of each of a plurality of track fittings 10 secured to the track 30, blocking the upward sliding movement of each plunger 14. The ends of the cable 42 may then be locked to one another, thereby locking the covering 11 to the track 30 such that foreign material cannot be introduced into the cargo, nor can cargo be removed, without tampering with the system 100.